Municipal Capacity

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Many communities lack capacity to implement GO TO 2040

CMAP and the Metropolitan Planning Council are developing strategies to improve municipalities' capacity to implement ON TO 2050 recommendations.



A resource group was convened to guide the overall project

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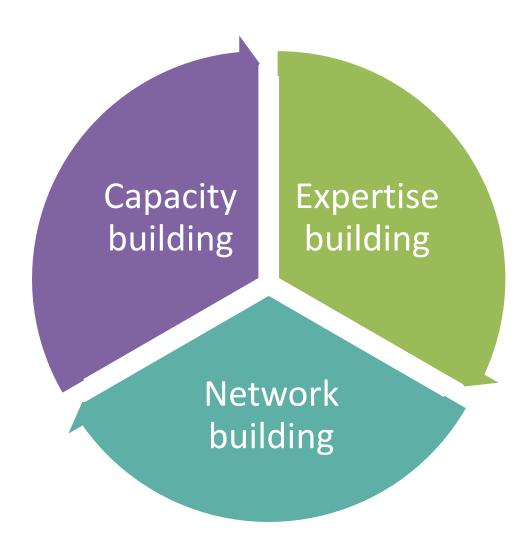


Focus groups were convened to discuss issues with experts and stakeholders

- Mayors & Village Presidents
- Municipal staff
- Infrastructure, utilities, and service delivery
- Finance and administration
- State and county employees
- Economic development
- CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) staff



Strategy development is underway





Strategies to build expertise of staff and officials

- Technical assistance
- Offer trainings to educate, build expertise, and communicate value of priority topics for:
 - Municipal staff
 - Elected officials
 - Appointed officials



Strategies to improve partner networks

- Promote regional and subregional best practices among communities
- Facilitate municipal service sharing and joint purchasing through in-person forums and matchmaking databases hosted by COGs, counties, or other subregional entities
- Promote awareness of partner programs and facilitate connections to topical expertise and resources that aide implementation goals



Strategies to strengthen municipal capacity

- Technical assistance from CMAP, COGs, counties, and other partners
- Explore consolidation of certain municipal services at the county or subregional level
- Explore municipal consolidation
- Explore municipal partnerships that ease economic competition
- Plan for the future with long range budget forecasts and CIPs
- State should implement programs to encourage consolidation
- Tax policy reforms to improve fiscal resiliency should be implemented
- Implement broad based user fees to meet specific goals, such as local MFTs or stormwater utility fees



Next steps

- 1. Hold final resource group meeting
- 2. Present strategies to CMAP committees
- 3. CMAP and Metropolitan Planning Council co-author municipal capacity strategy paper



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